

NONPROVISIONAL PATENT
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING SHORT FIBERS

By (Inventors): Masao KONISHI

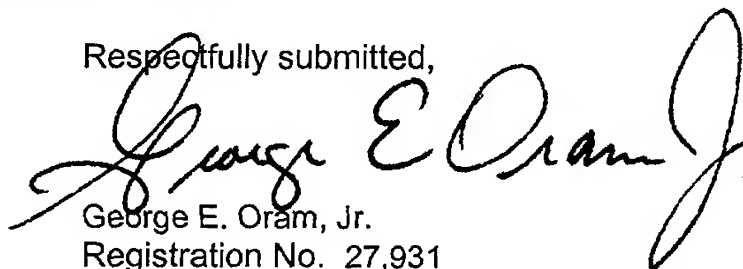
- ☒ 30 pages of Specification/Claims 1-14/Abstract are attached.
☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-5; 5 sheet(s)) is/are attached.
☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
☐ An assignment of the invention to _____ is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and _____ reference(s).
☐ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, --
☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2001-292115 filed September 25, 2001 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

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